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LAUNCH POWER-SAVING CAMPAIGN;  
SCORES LABOR TURNOVER

SAVES MILLION KILOWATT-HOURS -- Krasnyy Flot, No 4, 5 Jan 50

The Stalino Agricultural Machine Building Plant leads the Stalino Oblast electric-power-saving campaign, having saved one million kilowatt-hours during 1949.

The economy has been effected through the use of automatic electric welding under flux and improvement of ordinary welding methods, and through the operation of automatic devices which cut off machine-tool motors and transformers when they are not in productive use.

HITS DISORGANIZATION, LABOR TURNOVER -- Pravda Vostoka, No 5, 7 Jan 50

The Tashkent Agricultural Machine-Building Plant has been consistently going for some time. The SKhM-48 cotton-picking machine, promised for 1949, was not in the fields until 15 October. Only 79 percent of the third-quarter plan was completed, and at the end of 11 months the plant had the state more than 20 million rubles' worth of production. During these 11 months, 629 men left the plant for various reasons.

The cause of these shortcomings is basically poor organization of production. Mass-political work is neglected, non-Komsomols have no programs made for them, and there is virtually no on-the-job training. Workers foremen who do increase their qualifications are not paid proportionately.

Communists of the plant must take a strong grip on the situation, get action on a rhythmical basis, see that modern techniques are applied, organize political work for a concerted drive on the 1950 program.

Terent'yev has been reelected secretary of the plant Party committee.

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PLANT RAISE OUTPUT, SAVE RUBLES -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 5, 5 Jan 50

New methods in the manufacture of "zig-zag" harrows produced at the Riga "Terauds" Plant have boosted labor productivity 30 percent. A re-designed tooth-cutting machine has increased the rate of production of teeth for the harrows.

MEETS FIVE-YEAR PLAN -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 242, 10 Dec 49

The Mel'mash Plant, Kiev, has already fulfilled the Five-Year Plan, putting out hundreds of thousands of rubles' equipment for elevators. The plant is now putting out winnowers, and plans to produce new-type grain loaders. The workers are beating their quotas 110 percent daily.

FARM MACHINERY PLANT NOT UP TO PAR -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 11, 15 Jan 50

The Frunze Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni Frunze, one of the largest Kirgiz plants, continues to be a poorly operating enterprise. It has failed to meet the 1949 plan, works sporadically, has frequent stoppages, fails to avail itself of Stakhanovite methods, and has a large turnover of manpower.

DESIGNS NEW ACORN SEEDER -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 6, 8 Jan 50

The Kishinev Agricultural-Machine Building Plant of the Ministry of Forestry Moldavian SSR has produced an experimental model of a new seeder for nest-planting of oak acorns.

Izvestiya, No 8, 10 Jan 50

The new seeder may be horse- or tractor-drawn, requires only one man to operate, and can plant 18 hectares in 10 working hours.

MINISTRY NEGLECTS TO PRODUCE NEW SEEDER -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 7, 10 Jan 50

In 1943, a man named Dernov devised a new combination seeder for grass crop rotation by refashioning an ordinary tractor seeder. After experimental studies, his machine proved to be 40-50 percent more productive than the ordinary seeders. In 1947, a commission appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture Kirgiz SSR recommended that the horse-drawn seeder be converted to the Dernov model and be put into mass production. To date, however, the Ministry has failed to implement this decision.

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